

LT3081, LT8612, LT3092
24V 3A Constant Voltage,
Constant Current Bench Supply**DESCRIPTION**

DC2132A is a 24V 3A constant voltage, constant current bench supply. It regulates any output voltage from 0V to 24V and any output current from 0A to 3A. It runs from 10V to 40V input although the output voltage should remain 5V or more below the input voltage.

The LT[®]8612 step-down regulator is followed by two parallel LT[®]3081 linear regulators for a combination of low output ripple, high bandwidth and easy-to-adjust output voltage and current limits. The LT8612 is configured in pulse-skipping operation and its output voltage is regulated to roughly 1.7V above the output voltage of the LT3081. The LT3081 SET and I_{LIM} pins are connected to potentiometers that act as adjustable knobs on the PCB for voltage and current limit respectively.

The LT[®]3092 current source is used to deliver current to power the adjustable resistance of the voltage limit knob (potentiometer). That voltage directly sets the output voltage of the LT3081. The maximum output voltage can be set to three settings: 24V, 15V and 5.5V with the shunt position on JP1. The setting should be changed according to the choice of input voltage. A 36V, 24V, or 12V AC/DC converter can be used to power this supply (as well as any DC voltage between 10V and 40V.) If input voltage limits maximum output voltage, then it is recommended to adjust the maximum output voltage to get the full range of the adjustment knob for best resolution.

DC2132A operates to 0V and 0A. It is short-circuit proof. With very small output capacitance, the short-circuit spike is hundreds of times shorter in duration than commonly used and expensive laboratory bench power supplies. With the LT3081s in parallel on the output of this supply, small output capacitance makes this possible. Only 30µF is needed on the output of each LT3081. The LT3081 provides very low output ripple and short-circuit robustness.

An ON/OFF switch turns the converter and its components on and off. A green indicator LED tells if the circuit is on or not. Two TEMP turrets and an I_{MON} turret provide readouts of the LT3081 IC temperatures and the bench supply output current.

The LT3081, LT8612, and LT3092 data sheets give complete descriptions of the devices, operation and applications information. The data sheet must be read in conjunction with this demo manual for DC2132A. The LT3081ER is assembled in a 7-lead plastic DD (R) package with a thermally enhanced V_{OUT} tab and with θ_{JA} = 15°C/W. Proper board layout is essential for maximum thermal performance. See the Layout Considerations section in the data sheet.

Design files for this circuit board are available at
<http://www.linear.com/demo/DC2132A>

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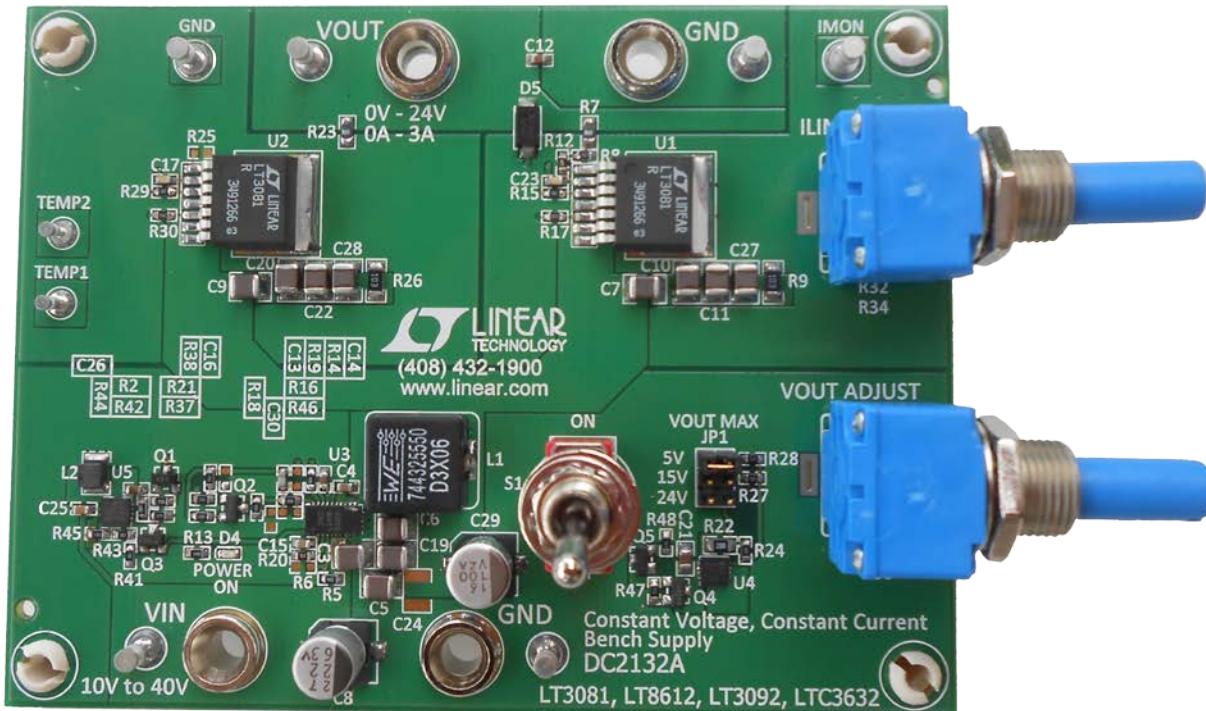
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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Specifications are at $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
V _{IN} Input Voltage Range		10	40		V
LT8612 Switching Frequency	R ₂₀ = 60.4k		700		kHz
V _{OUT} Range (Set by V _{LIMIT})	V _{IN} = 36V, JP1 Set to 24V	0	25		V
I _{OUT} Range (Set by I _{LIMIT})		0	3.1		A
Quiescent Current	V _{IN} = 36V V _{OUT} = 24V, No Load	31			mA
Typical Efficiency with 3A Output	V _{IN} = 36V, V _{OUT} = 24V V _{IN} = 12V, V _{OUT} = 5V V _{IN} = 12V, V _{OUT} = 3.3V	90 71 62			%
LT3081 Input-to-Output Voltage Drop	R ₃₇ = 1.00k, R ₂₁ = R ₃₈ = 100k, R ₁₈ = 4.99k	1.7			V
V _{OUT} AC Ripple	V _{IN} = 36V, V _{OUT} = 24V, I _{OUT} = 3.0A		~10		mV _{P-P}
Minimum Load		0			mA

BOARD PHOTO



QUICK START PROCEDURE

DC2132A is easy to set up to evaluate the performance of the LT3081 and LT8612. Follow the procedure below:

1. Set the ON/OFF switch to OFF to disable switching.
2. With power off, connect the input power supply to the V_{IN} and GND terminals. Make sure that the V_{IN} DC input voltage will not exceed 40V. Be careful for hot plug transients above 40V.

3. The DC2132A bench supply is robust and can be turned on with or without a load. If the load is too big, DC2132A will limit its output. If there is a short-circuit on the output, DC2132A will run through the short safely and will limit its current to its I_{LIMIT} setting.
4. Observe the output voltage and current as well as the temperature of the ICs.

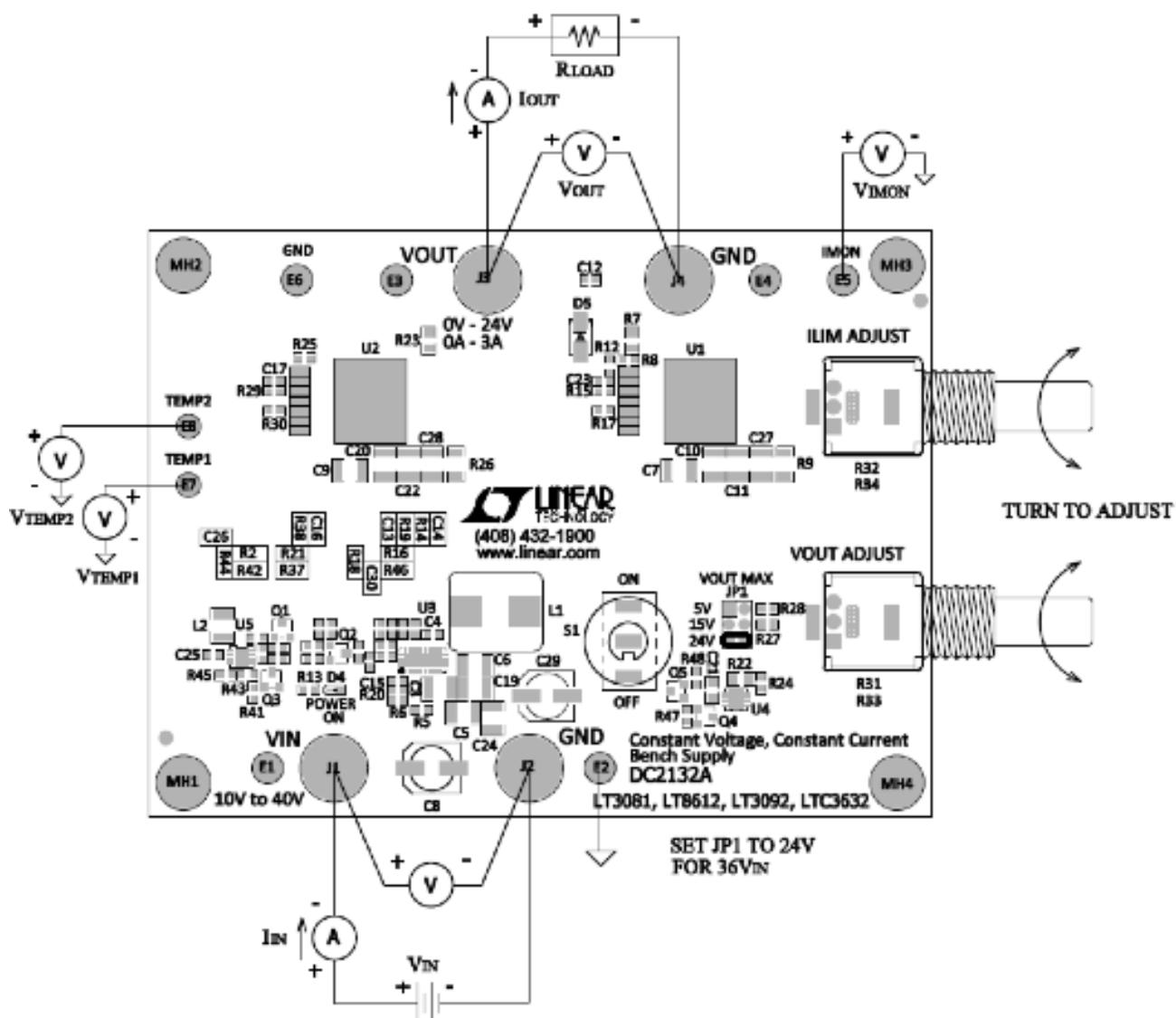


Figure 1. Test Procedure Setup Drawing for DC2132A

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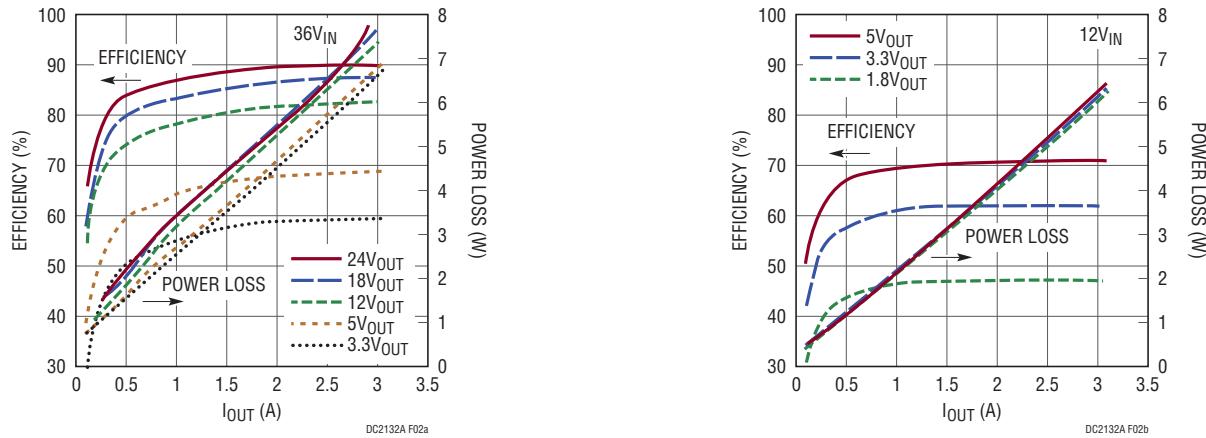


Figure 2. DC2132A Efficiency and Power Loss at Different Voltage and Current

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Figure 3. DC2132A 1A to 3A Transient Response 36V_{IN}, 24V_{OUT}

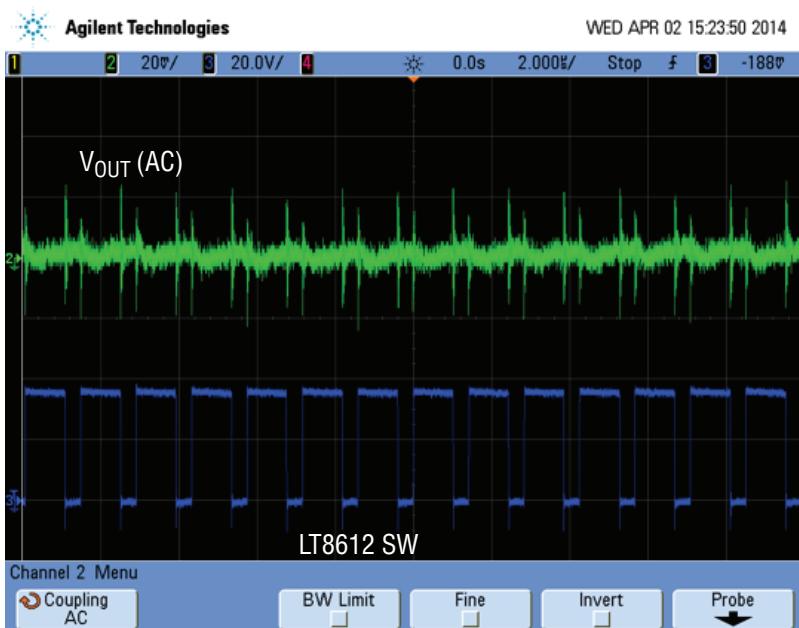


Figure 4. DC2132A Output Voltage Ripple

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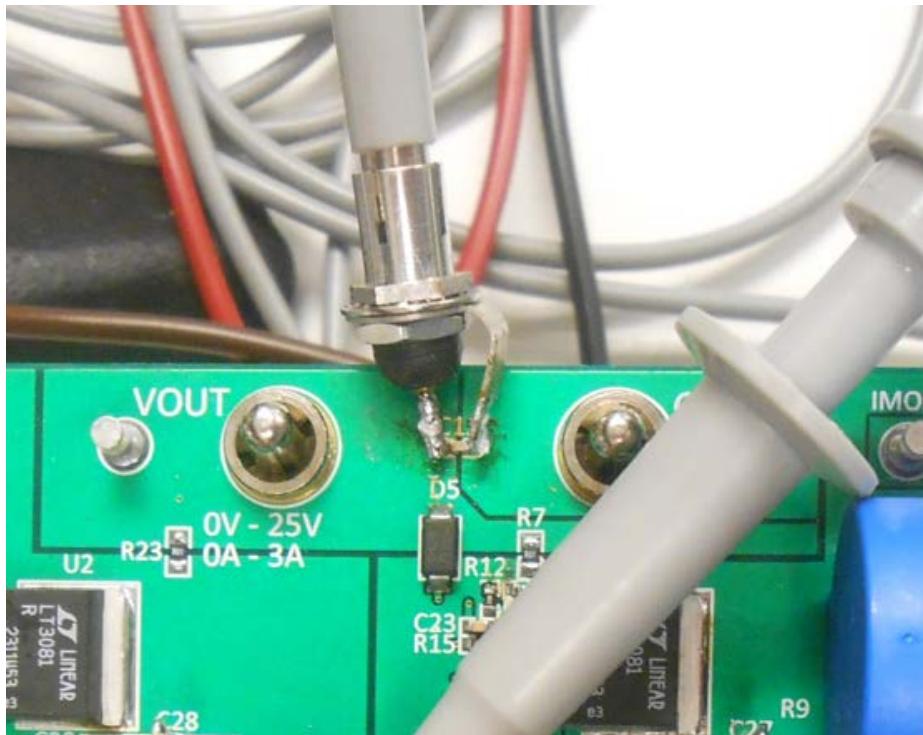
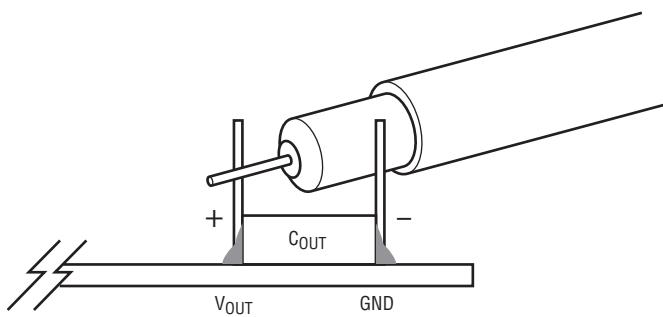
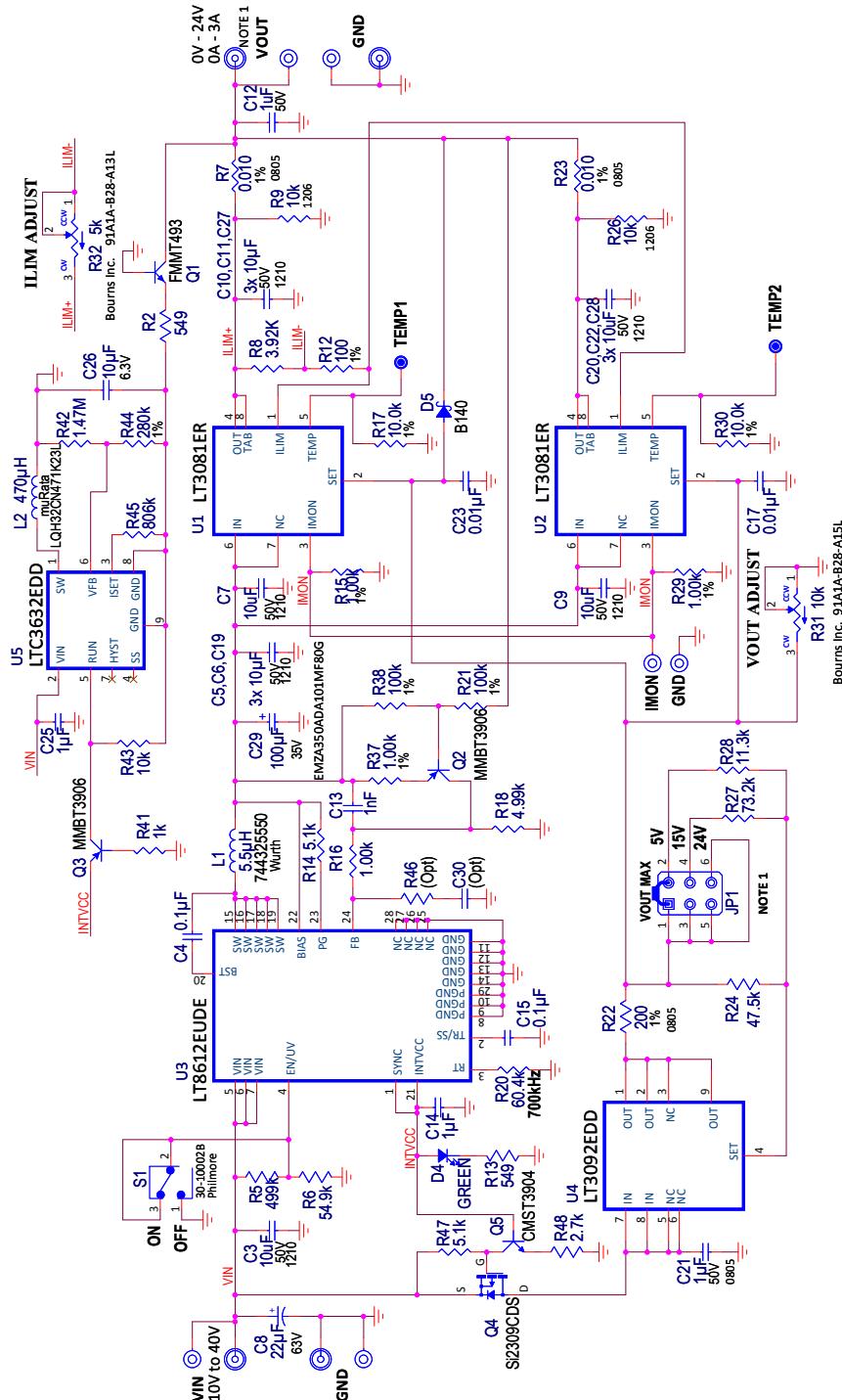


Figure 5. DC2132A Output Voltage Ripple Measurement Method

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



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